Signatory Members



Brigadier General M. Stephen Rhoades



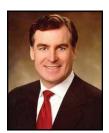
Brigadier General Merdith W. B. Temple



New York Governor George E. Pataki



New Jersey Governor James E. McGreevey



Pennsylvania Governor Mark S. Schweiker



Pennsylvania Governor Edward G. Rendell



Delaware Governor Ruth Ann Minner

he years 2002 and 2003 witnessed numerous changes to the dedicated public officials serving as members and alternates to the commission.

New Jersey

James E. McGreevey was sworn in as the new governor of New Jersey in January 2002. Governor McGreevey designated Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Commissioner Bradley M. Campbell and DEP Assistant Commissioner for Environmental Regulation Samuel A. Wolfe as his alternate and second alternate, respectively. Water Supply Administrator **Dennis Hart** served as his third alternate until July 2002 when the governor named DEP Assistant Commissioner for Land Use Management Ernest Hahn as his new choice following DEP's internal reorganization.

Pennsylvania

Pennsylvania was led by two governors during this two-year period. Mark S. Schweiker served as governor until January 2003 when Edward G. Rendell began his term as the commonwealth's new chief executive.

Irene B. Brooks resigned her position as Governor Schweiker's alternate after the U.S. Senate confirmed her nomination by President George W. Bush in the fall of 2002 to serve as a commissioner on the International Joint Commission (IJC). The IJC is an independent, six-member binational organization established by the Boundary Waters Treaty of 1909 to help prevent and resolve disputes relating to the use and quality of boundary waters between Canada and the United States and to advise the two countries on related questions. Irene had served since April 1995 as the Pennsylvania alternate to the DRBC under Governors Schweiker and Tom Ridge. She also held the position of federal representative to the DRBC under President George Bush from September 1989 to March 1994.

Governor Rendell briefly appointed Acting DEP Deputy Secretary for Water Management John Hines as his alternate before selecting DEP Office of River Basin Cooperation Executive Director Cathleen Curran Myers as his appointee to the commission in April 2003 (Ms. Myers is now DEP Deputy Secretary for Water Management). DEP Bureau of Watershed Chief William Gast was appointed by the governor as his second alternate, a post he also held under Governors Schweiker and Ridge. Philadelphia Water Commissioner Kumar Kishinchand continued to be the advisor to the Pennsylvania DRBC commissioner.

Delaware

Delaware Governor Ruth Ann Minner had two different alternates to the DRBC over this two-year period. Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC) Secretary Nicholas A. DiPasquale, who served as the governor's alternate to the DRBC since she took office in 2001, left her administration in 2002. In January 2003, Governor Minner selected her new DNREC Secretary, John A. Hughes, as her DRBC alternate. Kevin C. Donnelly and Harry W. Otto continued to serve as the governor's second and third alternates, respectively.

New York

New York Governor **George** E. Pataki replaced long-time representatives to the commission in 2002 and 2003. N.G. Kaul, who

served as the governor's alternate on the commission since 1995, retired from New York State's Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) in 2002 after 27 years to begin a new career with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. (Editor's note: Sadly, cancer took Mr. Kaul's life in February 2004). Warren T. Lavery, who worked in DEC's Division of Water since joining the agency in 1982, retired in March 2003 after serving as Governor Pataki's second alternate on the DRBC since 1995. Mr. Lavery briefly returned for about five months in 2003 as the commission's Tri-State Watershed manager before truly beginning retired life. The governor appointed DEC Commissioner Erin M. Crotty as his alternate in 2003, along with Division of Water Director Sandra Allen and Assistant Director Fred Nuffer as his second and third alternates, respectively. New York City Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg in April 2002 designated his new DEP Commissioner, Christopher O. Ward, to replace Joel A. Miele, Sr. as the advisor to the New York State DRBC commissioner.

Federal Government

The federal government's DRBC representative, Brigadier General M. Stephen Rhoades, named the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' newly assigned Philadelphia District Engineer, Lieutenant Colonel Thomas C. Chapman, as his second alternate to the commission in July 2002, replacing Lt. Col. Timothy Brown who was reassigned to another post. In response to the retirement of Brig. Gen. Rhoades in January 2003, President George W. Bush appointed Brig. Gen. Merdith W. B. Temple, the new commander of the Corp's North Atlantic Division, as the federal representative in February 2003. **Col. John P. Carroll** and Lt. Col. Chapman continued as Brig. Gen. Temple's alternate and second alternate, respectively.

Commission Officers

The Delaware River Basin Compact requires the annual election of a chair and vice chairs, which historically has been based upon rotation of the five signatory parties.

July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003
Pennsylvania Governors
Schweiker and Rendell split the
duties of commission chair during
this period. New Jersey Governor
McGreevey and New York Governor
Pataki were elected vice chair and
second vice chair, respectively.

Delaware Governor Minner was the fourth commission member while Brig. Gen. Rhoades and Temple served as the federal representative at different times over the year.

July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004

New Jersey Governor McGreevey was elected the new commission chair at the June 26, 2003 commission meeting. New York Governor Pataki and Delaware Governor Minner were selected to serve as vice chair and second vice chair, respectively. The remaining two commission members during this period were Brig. Gen. Temple and Governor Rendell.

The current list of commission members and their alternates can be viewed at http://www.nj.gov/drbc/commiss.htm.

CommissionStaff

Please note that all staff e-mail addresses have changed to a new format: first name.last name@drbc. state.nj.us.

The current list of DRBC staff members, including their phone number extensions and e-mail addresses, can be viewed at http://www. nj.gov/drbc/ staff.htm.

Staff Goodbyes

leven employees said farewell to the commission during 2002-2003, including seven by retirement. Five of the retirees had over 140 years of combined exemplary service:

Warren Huff – Warren retired in 2003 bringing to a close his 36-year-career with the DRBC. He joined the commission's Water Quality Branch in 1967 as a technician and most recently served as head of its Information Services Branch.

Richard Tortoriello – "Doctor T," who also retired in 2003, was hired by the DRBC in 1968 as a water resources engineer in the Water Quality Branch, and he advanced to head of the commission's Operations Branch, a post he held for 20 years.

Susan Owens – Susan retired in 2003 just shy of reaching her 30-year anniversary with the DRBC. She held a number of different positions over her commission career and most recently served as its graphic designer. Susan continues to help the commission with its graphics design work several hours a week.

Judy Scouten – Judy retired in 2003 after celebrating her 25th year with the commission. Her most recent position was secretary to commission secretaries Pamela Bush and Susan Weisman.

Anne Zamonski – Anne retired in 2003 with over 20 years of DRBC service. She was the secretary to two executive directors, Carol R. Collier and Gerald M. Hansler, and also served as the secretary to the deputy executive director since the creation of that position in 1998.

Other retirees in 2003 included Network Administrator **Timothy Lazaro** (over 13 years with the DRBC) and Project Review Branch Secretary **Peg Lebo** (just shy of six years of service).

Also leaving the staff were Project Review Branch Head **Thomas Brand** (2003), Delaware Estuary Program Director **Forsyth Kineon** (2002), and Acting Planning and Implementation Branch Head **Lance Miller** (2002).

Promotions

- Richard Fromuth, Operations Branch Head, 2003.
- Hernan Quinodoz, Senior Engineer/ Hydrologist, Operations Branch, 2003.
- > Donna Woolf, Executive Assistant, Directorate, 2003.
- Karl Heinicke, System Administrator/Data Manager, Information Services Branch, 2003.

New DRBC Hires

- ➤ Kenneth Najjar, Planning and Implementation Branch Head, 2002.
- Alysa Suero, Geologist, Project Review Branch, 2002.
- ➤ Victoria Lawson, Secretary, Planning and Implementation Branch, 2002.
- Paula Schmitt, Secretary, Directorate, 2003.
- Peter Evans, Delaware Estuary Program Director, Directorate, 2003.
- Sherry Garrahan, Secretary, Operations and Information Services Branches, 2003.
- Robert Klosowski, Water Resources Engineer, Operations Branch, 2003.
- Lisa Hipp, Secretary, Project Review Branch, 2003.



(from left to right) Dick Tortoriello, Anne Zamonski, Peg Lebo, and Tim Lazaro getting ready to cut their retirement cake. (*Photo by Clarke Rupert*)

More People News

- Executive Director Carol R. Collier announced in December 2003 that William J. Muszynski will be serving as the commission's Coordinator of Special Projects and Programs beginning in January 2004. Muszynski is being temporarily assigned to the DRBC for a two-year period while remaining an employee of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). His most recent EPA position was Deputy Regional Administrator for Region 2. Specific projects and programs are expected to include: participating in various aspects of Stage 2 PCB Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) development, implementation, and funding; developing a framework for water quality trading; and overseeing the update and refinement of the commission's comprehensive plan. Muszynski also will lead the DRBC's project review branch.
- ➤ On October 1, 2002, New Jersey held a dedication ceremony to rename its transportation building after the commission's long-time general counsel and the state's first transportation commissioner, David J. Goldberg, who died in 2001.
- ➤ Robert C. Johnson, a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers civilian staff liaison to the commission, announced his retirement from the Corps in December 2003 after 33 years of service. Christine Bethke was named as his replacement.
- Friends during July 2003. New York State Assemblyman Jacob E. Gunther III, one of the commission's best advocates for the upper basin, died from cancer at the age of 50 (the voters of the 98th Assembly District in November elected Aileen Gunther to fill the vacancy created by the untimely death of her husband). Later that month, former DRBC chief engineer and operations branch head Robert L. Goodell died. He spent 32 years

- in water resources management, including 25 years with the commission, and was instrumental in shaping the basin's long-term water supply programs.
- Van Dyke Polhemus died in December 2003 after a lengthy illness. In addition to working as a consultant to the DRBC on river flow issues, he was an active participant in the commission's Level B Study, which in the late 1970s and early 1980s examined alternative ways of providing an adequate water supply during droughts. This study laid the technical foundation for the "Good Faith Agreement" which was adopted in 1983 by the DRBC and the parties to the 1954 U.S. Supreme Court Decree.

